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February 15, 1993

The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wellstone:

I and hundreds of thousands of young and old enjoy the hobby of building and flying radio controlled model airplanes.

Our equipment today due to frequency allocation for our radio equipment. which has been updated during the past few years.

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Hastings, MN 55033

Paul Wellstone  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Wellstone,

I am writing to you concerning  
the proposed rule making: PR Docket 92-235.

I'm a <sup>15<sup>th</sup> grade</sup> student at Hastings High School. I

can detassel in the summer to pay for  
all my radio gear. If this proposal would  
be excepted I would have to spend five  
hundred dollars in new radio equipment.

I don't even make that in a summer.

This is a lot more money than some

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Representative David Minge  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Minge,

My hobby is constructing and operating Radio Controlled Model Airplanes. I derive many hours of enjoyment with our local club, Minnesota Valley R.C., in Shakopee, Minnesota.

My concern is the proposed rule changes that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable frequencies for model planes, and greatly increase the risk of accidents.

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The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. Wellstone:

I am a radio controlled model airplane enthusiast. I enjoy the hobby greatly and have several model airplanes with radio systems used to control them. I am currently a member of a local club which promotes the safe flying of model aircraft.

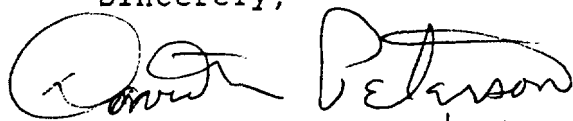
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Our club makes every effort to fly our planes in safe a manner. We ask that we can continue to enjoy our hobby without the risks of unpredictable interference. I currently have several thousand dollars invested in radio equipment and aircraft.

Please help our hobby and associated industries make sure that this rules change does not make a hazard of our most enjoyable pastime. Please, do not allow the FCC carry out its proposals in the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

  
410 So. WHITNEY  
MARSHALL MN 56258  
507-537-0772

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February 17, 1993

The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Wellstone:

This is my first letter to a Senator that represents me in Washington. I am a retiree that has spent many enjoyable hours building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. At the present time I have 7 model planes that would become unusable if the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) goes through with their proposed changes. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If this change is adopted I will have to write off about \$2,000.00 worth of radio equipment in the 72 to 76 MHz bands that will become worthless.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of established radio control modelers.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 to 76 MHz ranges.

Sincerely,



Robert Davis

5613 Vincent Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55410

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U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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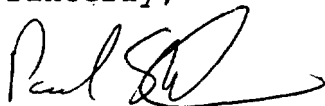
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Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur. I believe this will be death of the hobby for millions of enthusiasts across the United States. It will also greatly effect the hobby stores, distributors, and manufactures, rendering many out of business.

I urge you to vote against any attempt to pass PR Docket 92-235. Please write me at address below to inform me on how you will vote.

Sincerely,



P. MOLINARI  
917 DARTMOUTH SE  
MPLS MN 55414

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The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
702 Hart Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Wellstone:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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I have been involved in radio-control Model Aviation for a number of years and find the selecting, building and flying of these models to be a challenging and rewarding activity. I am an active member of the Rice County Radio Control Flyers club and thoroughly enjoy the camaraderie this hobby affords.

I have learned of and I am very concerned with proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission, namely PR Docket 92-235. If these rules are adopted, they will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies assigned for model use and will cause us great concern for the safe operation of these models.

Our models operate on the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch. In it's present state this does not cause serious problems because our radio control frequencies in this band are spaced far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies to permit us to share the band without interference with each other.

The proposal by the FCC would create more land mobile frequencies by splitting the present frequencies into narrower band widths and rearrange the band plan. This would mean that many land mobile frequencies would move so close to the radio control frequencies as to cause interference to radio controlled models. It appears that, with the proposal, only 19 frequencies of the present available 50 frequencies assigned to radio control model airplanes would be usable.

Radio control modelers are very safety conscious as can be attested by our fine safety record. We carefully control frequency use, when more than one flyer is flying, so that one will not interfere with the others. With our present 50 available frequencies, this does not pose a



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The Honorable Senator Paul Wellstone  
702 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, D. 20510

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Dear Senator Wellstone,

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The Proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accident and attendant liability for controlling model airplane and boats.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 and 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio frequencies in the band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

WILLIAM H. ALTENHOFEN  
6304 DUPONT AVE. S., APT. 201  
RICHFIELD, MN 55423

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The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Wellstone:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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I and thousands of young and old enjoy the hobby of designing, building, and flying radio controlled model airplanes. Our national organization has over 160,000 members. I am active in our local club, and was manager of the local demonstration team until health required me to reduce that activity.

I am very concerned about proposed rules under Federal Communications Commission (FCC) PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable model radio frequencies and increase accident risk and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band, and are shared with private land mobile dispatch operations. At present the separation of frequencies is sufficient to allow use by both land mobile and us without either interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to add additional frequencies between the currently used frequencies with tolerances that will allow them to transmit directly on the radio control frequencies. They will also operate at four times the power. This will make 62% of the radio control frequencies unusable. Because the new frequencies will be mobile, operating on the adjacent radio control frequencies will be too risky.

When we fly radio controlled models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators, bystanders, and property. We lose the use of some of our current frequencies due to fixed stations such as local TV channel 4. A further decrease in the number of frequencies of the magnitude that is contemplated will cause congestion on the remaining frequencies and decrease the margin of safety.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 22, 1993

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Dear Senator Wellstone:

I am very concerned about the proposed ruling, PR Docket 92-235, which is under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. This new ruling will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents because of the inability to have full control of the model airplanes.

Currently our radio frequencies are far enough apart from land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without any interference from one another. Now the FCC wants to create more land frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths. As a result, land mobile frequencies and radio control frequencies, will be closer together and cause interference with radio control operations. I understand only 19 out of 50 frequencies will be available for radio control of model airplanes.

Some of us spend thousands of dollars on safety equipment to keep other radio equipment from causing interference. Such interference may cause our airplane to crash and do damage to property or even cause injury or death to innocent bystanders. Some models weigh 35 pounds and fly over 100 MPH, which could cause extensive damage if control is lost.

In 1991, 175,000 AMA Modelers paid \$10,500,000 to have their radios redone. We don't want to go through that again. We shouldn't have to keep paying for the convenience of others.

The model airplane business puts Billions of dollars into the economy of the United States. This is a good clean business and we would like to keep it that way.

We rely on our senators to have our voice heard. Please help me

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Senator Paul Wellstone  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wellstone

My hobby is constructing and operating Radio Controlled Model Airplanes. I derive many hours of enjoyment with our local club, Minnesota Valley R.C., in Shakopee, Minnesota.

My concern is the proposed rule changes that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable frequencies for model planes, and greatly increase the risk of accidents.

Our present flying field is about 1/2 mile from Valley Fair and highway 101. Models have up to 10 foot wing spans, and weighing up to 30 pounds. Pylon planes reach speeds of 170 miles per hour. The models are expensive to build; but more important, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control.

Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur. I believe this will be death of the hobby for millions of enthusiast across the United States. It will also greatly effect the hobby stores, distributors, and manufactures, rendering many out of business.

I urge you to vote against any attempt to pass PR Docket 92-235. Please write me at address below to inform me on how you will vote.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Speiker  
1091 East View Circle  
Shakopee, MN 55379

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U.S. SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE  
123 HART OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON DC 20510

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either

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The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
702 Hart Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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I have learned of and I am very concerned with proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission, namely PR Docket 92-235. If these rules are adopted, they will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies assigned for model use

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Sincerely,



CARDARELLE  
9912 WINDSOR TERRACE  
EDEN PRAIRIE MN 55347



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Senator Paul Wellstone  
702 Hart Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Senator Wellstone:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either party interfering with each other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band width and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to ten feet and weigh as much as thirty or forty pounds. The model themselves are expensive to build. But, more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to loose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds



Marshall Radio Control Club, Marshall, MN 56258  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. Wellstone:

I am the president of our local Radio Control Airplane Club. I have been flying miniature aircraft since 1972. This hobby has been a major part of my life since I was in High School. It even helped me decide how I would make a living for the rest of my life.

I was very distressed when I first heard about the proposed rules changes that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. I am referring to PR Docket 92-235. The new rules, if adopted, would make about 1/3 of the radio equipment in our club useless. The proposal calls for 4 new land mobile radio frequencies to be inserted between each of our channels in the lower band assigned to model airplane control. With my background in electronics, I know that any additional frequencies in this arrangement will definitely cause radical interference.

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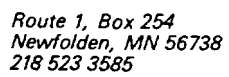
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1225 Round Table Rd.  
Marshall, MN 56253

Sincerely,

Stuart Galstad



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Sincerely,

*Charles H. Robin Sr.*

C.H. ROBIN SR.  
8616 XERXES SD  
MPLD. MN 55431

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Sincerely,

*Sue Brkovich*

Sue Brkovich  
517 Concord Circle  
Chaska MN 55318

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Sincerely,

*Wayne W Siewert*  
WAYNE W SIEWERT  
3226 EDMUND BLVD.  
MPLS MN.

P.S. I WAS THE NATIONAL CHAMPION IN RADIO  
CONTROL SCALE IN 1988 2ND. IN 1989  
& 2ND IN 1992. PLEASE! DON'T LET THEM  
TAKE AWAY OUR SAFETY.

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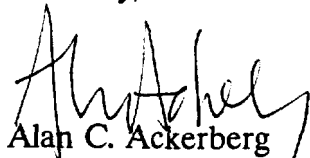
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Alan C. Ackberg  
Senior Vice President

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